

# Submitting an Idea

**Submissions will be accepted  
between 15 June and 30 July**

## Pilot Project Objectives:

- ★ *Improve business processes then apply technology in a net-centric environment*
- ★ *Test new concepts/technologies that espouse net-centricity*
- ★ *Maximize COTS and minimize duplication of applications*
- ★ *Transform business processes to improve effectiveness, efficiency, and service delivery*
- ★ *Share interoperable solutions across DoD*
- ★ *Align DoD with appropriate e-government efforts*
- ★ *Provide alignment with other net-centricity efforts*

**Selections for funding will be made in September for project commencement 1 October**

# Our Vision

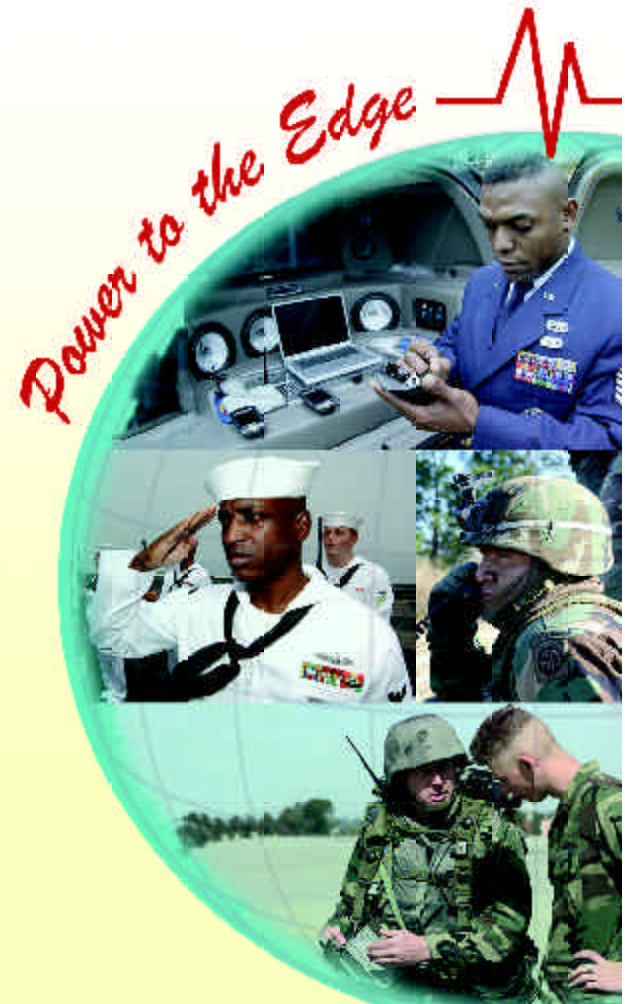
*Deliver business case-driven pilot projects and IT initiatives providing scalable proof of concept demonstrations which serve to support transformational, net-centric based processes.*

## Background for RAI-NC

To assist in accelerating transformational efforts, the Deputy Secretary of Defense has directed the DoD Chief Information Officer to establish a central investment fund that will encourage DoD Components to accelerate information technology initiatives in support of net-centric business transformation and implementation of the President's Management Agenda.

The RAI-NC effort will provide a structured selection and development of projects serving to:

- ★ *Support the advancement of Net Centric tenets and transformational processes.*
- ★ *Field business case-based proof of concept projects using COTS and leading edge technology.*
- ★ *Provide project results capable of being scaled across the DoD Enterprise.*





# What is Net Centricity?

**Net Centricity** is an information environment where:

- people fully utilize the network they can trust and depend upon
- performance is not limited solely by the capabilities under direct command
- the network offers global reach to users

## Are you connected?

*Users of information access what they need*

*Robust networks without a central weakness*

*Interoperable communications infrastructure*

*More information, gathered in smarter ways*

*Bandwidth as needed*

*Risk management*

*Doing more with information that exists*

*Task, Post, Process, Use (TPPU)*

*Dynamic – or situational – security*

*Cycle-time in seconds*

*Self-synchronizing operations*

*Real-time collaboration*

*Pull information down*



## How will we achieve NC?

The goal for RAI-NC is to support the net-centricity transformation by supporting and encouraging initiatives focused on interoperability.

RAI-NC will fund pilot projects of fixed scope, cost and duration, to demonstrate the effectiveness of a transformational net-centric technology, concept or process.

### Projects must include:

- ★ Cost of \$1 Million or less
- ★ Duration of 6 to 12 months
- ★ Highly scalable and transportable
- ★ Actively supported by their domain sponsor

The Secretary of Defense is very clear and very upbeat in his expectations about the value of net-centric transformation. The following quote clearly identifies his expectations of what net-centricity is going to bring to the Department.

*"The two truly transforming things, conceivably, might be in information technology and information operation and networking and connecting things in ways that they function totally differently than they had previously.... That possibly the single-most transforming thing in our force will not be a weapon system, but a set of interconnections and a substantially enhanced capability because of that awareness."*

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld - Aug. 9, 2001

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